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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

For the past years our family and our business was connected via the mainstream internet provider available in our neighborhood. Our high tech careers, and to a point life in general, almost require fast internet. While prices kept rising year over year, far more than just inflation or consumer price index, services did not improve. As a consumer, one is wondering why the internet monopoly is able to do this to us.

With our new local internet service provider, we finally had a choice. And sure enough we're hearing of the other guys lowering their prices. The principle is similar to Community Choice Aggregate (CCA) in California, where consumers now have a choice in where our electricity comes from. Choice is also not just about money, but service availability, network access and priority, and privacy.

Now we have a fiber connection. The old big guys didn't invest in this for us, but the new guys did. We get better service, more service, for less money and we're supporting local jobs and the local economy. Please help that other parts of the country get the same chances.

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